



Harris County Treasurer

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

June 20, 2011

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As the fourth largest city in the United States, Houston/Harris County, Texas is a key driver of our nation's economy, an innovator in long-term job creation, and a model for quality of life in our region. Just over three years ago, I had the privilege of becoming County Treasurer of this dynamic and growing region. In my time in office, we have worked every day to ensure Houston/Harris County remains competitive in a global economy that is increasingly powered by communications and information technology.

As a former Houston City Councilmember and now as County Treasurer, I have worked hard to streamline our city government, achieving cost savings while simultaneously providing our citizens with more efficient service. With more Fortune 500 companies than any other city except New York, it is equally vital that our robust private sector have the tools they need to operate as efficiently as possible. Now more than ever, businesses of all sizes are dependent on fast, reliable access to the Internet and would find the prospect of running their day-to-day operations without this technology daunting if not impossible. That is why I support the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile.

As a result of the merger and AT&T's commitment to invest \$8 billion to improve its wireless infrastructure, over 97% of Americans will enjoy access to the best connectivity on the market. Today, companies need fast, reliable mobile broadband access to stay on the cutting edge of innovation and job creation. This merger is another meaningful step in making sure that need is fulfilled for the countless small businesses and more than four million residents in the Houston/Harris County region.

Sincerely,

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Orlando Sanchez
County Treasurer – Harris County

CC:
Chairman Julius Genachowski, Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell, Commissioner Mignon Clyburn